



## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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### **The Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals Receives Grant to Collect Performance Measures for Developmental Disabilities Services**

Cranston, RI, December, 2011 – The Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals (BHDDH) recently was awarded a National Data Measurement Project grant from the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS). The grant, which is effective July 1, 2012 for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, will enable BHDDH to collect critical information about service outcomes for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The grant also will provide BHDDH with the opportunity to adopt the National Core Indicators. The National Core Indicators (NCI) will be the dataset used to measure the outcomes.

“BHDDH is very happy to be a recipient of this grant,” said Craig Stenning, Director of the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals. “The opportunity to gather valid, reliable data will help BHDDH ensure high quality services are delivered to this important population.”

Funding is being made available through the United States Department of Health & Human Services Administration on Developmental Disabilities’ (ADD’s) National Data Measurement Project, and it will be administered through a contract between BHDDH and NASDDDS. It will cover the costs of the first year of data collection with the expectation that the State will continue to participate in NCI data collection in subsequent years.

#### **About the Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals**

BHDDH is committed to assuring access to quality services and support for Rhode Islanders with developmental disabilities, mental health and substance abuse issues and chronic, long-term medical and psychiatric conditions. In addition to planning for the development of new services and prevention activities, the department’s mission includes addressing the stigma attached to these disabilities.

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**About the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services**

The National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services is a non-profit organization established to improve and expand public services to people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. The NASDDDS mission is to assist member state agencies in building person-centered systems of services and supports for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

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